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SUBJECT: NEW LAO PASSPORT DOCUMENTS

REF A STATE 042423, B VIENTIANE 0469

1. AT REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT (REF A), IN FEBRUARY WE ASKED LAO MFA FOR STATEMENT FROM PDRL THAT NEW LAO PASSPORTS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO LAO NATIONALS. DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF CONSULAR SERVICES IN MFA ASSURED CONSUL THAT NEW PASSPORTS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO LAO NATIONALS AND PROMISED MFA NOTE TO EMBASSY TO THAT EFFECT. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED MFA NOTE, DATED APRIL 19, ON THIS SUBJECT. WE ARE POUCHING COPY OF NOTE TO SCA/VO VIA OM.

2. TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT VIENTIANE, AND REFERRING TO ITS NOTE NO. 41 OF 23 FEBRUARY 1976, HAS THE HONOR TO LET IT KNOW THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO MENTION NATIONALITY IN LAO PASSPORTS OF ANY OF THE THREE CATEGORIES, WHICH CAN ONLY BE DELIVERED TO CITIZENS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. AS TO THE SIGNATURE (ON PASSPORTS), IT SHOULD BE PLACED BELOW THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BEARER.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TAKENS THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH REGARD. END QUOTE.

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